

(WASHINGTON, DC) - More than a \$85 million in Federal Transit Administration Funds allocated as part of the American Economic Recovery & Reinvestment Act are being released to Missouri today. Almost half of that money, \$39 million is set aside for mass transit needs for St. Louis City, County, and other immediate adjacent areas in Missouri.

The White House made the announcement earlier this afternoon. "This is very important to St. Louis and furthering the mission of public transportation throughout the area," said Congressman Russ Carnahan (MO-3rd).

While it is expected that Metro will get a large amount of the recovery set aside, monies will also be used to support overall transit operations for Missouri's St. Louis Metropolitan Area.